

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated August 16, 2005, claims 1, 3-6, 12, and 14 were rejected; claims 17-20 were allowed; and claims 7-11 and 15 were objected to. In response, claims 1 and 3-11 have been cancelled herein and claim 12 has been amended. Claims 21-31 have been added. Applicants believe all pending claims are in condition for allowance, for the following reasons.

Claim 12 has been amended to recite that the ports "are respectively shaped so that as the fixed-volume chambers move into and out of communication therewith the rate of fluid movement into or out of the chambers changes gradually." This limitation is substantially identical to the limitation of originally filed claim 7, which was previously indicated as allowable subject matter by Examiner (see Office Action of 3/16/2005 at page 5). Claims 14 and 15 depend from claim 12 and are allowable by virtue of their dependence therefrom as well as for their respective further defining recitations.

Claims 17-20 have been allowed.

Newly added claim 21 depends from allowed claim 17 and recites that the means for restricting comprise seals. No new subject matter has been added; support for this claim being found, *e.g.*, at paragraph 0032, although other support may be provide elsewhere in the specification. Newly added claims 22-25 depend from allowed claim 17 and include limitations analogous to originally filed (now canceled) claims 3-6. Newly added claim 26 depends also from claim 17 and includes limitations analogous to originally filed (now canceled) claim 11.

Newly added claim 27 recites fabrication equipment including, *e.g.*, a fluid motor. The fluid motor recited in claim 27 includes each of the limitations in allowed claim 17,

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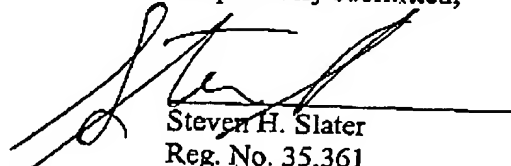
and claim 27 adds further defining limitations. Hence, this claim is also allowable over the art of record. Claims 28-31 depend from claim 27 and add yet further defining limitations. No new subject matter has been added by these claims. Support for claims 27-31 can be found, *e.g.*, at paragraphs 2-5 and 43 and Figure 3, although other and further support may be found elsewhere in the specification.

Because each of the pending claims has either been indicated as allowed, or contains limitations that distinguish over the prior art, Applicants respectfully request a prompt indication of the allowance of claims 12, 14, 15, and 17-31. Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney to address any questions or comments that would expedite issuance of the present application.

No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that there are any fees due, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

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